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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: MOZAMBIQUE REFUSES TO LOAD PAID FOR CHROME ORE DESTINED
FOR US

1. B. H. REIS, DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR OF RENNIES CONSOLIDATED,
LARGE LOCAL SHIPPING AGENT, CAME TO EMBASSY TO REQUEST ASSISTANCE
AND TO INFORM EMBASSY THAT OFFICIALS OF MOZAMBIQUE PORT AND RAIL
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AUTHORITY (CFM) HAVE REFUSED TO LOAD CHROME ORE ORIGINATING RHODESIA

AND PAID FOR BY US CONSIGNEE.

2. REIS SAID THAT SS FLOR, CHARTERED BY LEONARD J. BUCK, INC. OF MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY, ARRIVED OUTSIDE PORT OF BEIRA AFTERNOON OF MARCH 3. SHIP WAS TO HAVE LOADED 7,945 METRIC TONS OF ALL-CHROME ORE IN BEIRA, THEN PROCEED TO MAPUTO TO LOAD 9,500 TONS FERRO-CHROME ALLOYS. ALL ORE ORIGINATED RHODESIA. FURTHER STOP IS SCHEDULED IN DURBAN TO LOAD ADDITIONAL ORE. CARGO IS CONSIGNED TO ATOPCO SHIPPING SERVICES, INC., 19 RECTOR ST., NEW YORK. CHROME ORE IS PAID FOR BY AMERICAN PURCHASERS, THUS REIS SAYS IT IS AMERICAN PROPERTY.

3. ACCORDING TO WHAT RENNIES OFFICIALS IN BIRA LEARNED FROM TELEPHONE CALL TO CFM AUTHORITIES IN BEIRA AFTERNOON OF MARCH 3, NO RHODESIAN CHROME OR OTHER GOODS ORIGINATING RHODESIA WILL BE SHIPPED. SHIPPING AGENT EXPLAINED THAT ORE WAS PAID FOR AND THEREFORE WAS NOT RHODESIAN PROPERTY. AS OF 1100. HOURS, MARCH 4, NO RESPONSE HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM CFM.

4. REIS CALLED JOHANNESBURG OFFICE OF RENNIES, WHO CONTACTED L.J. BUCK IN US. REIS' INSTRUCTIONS TO BEIRA AGENT IS TO BRING SHIP IN AND BERTH HER, AND ASK THAT CARGO BE LOADED. IF LOADING IS STILL REFUSED, AGENT WILL ASK CFM TO PUT REFUSAL IN WRITING. SAME PROCEDURE WILL BE REPEATED IF NECESSARY WHEN SHIP ARRIVES MAPUTO.

5. REIS THEN SAID SS YELLOWSTONE, ALSO CHARTERED BY L.J. BUCK, IS TO ARRIVE IN BEIRA AND MAPUTO NEAR END OF MONTH TO PICK UP CHROME CARGO WHICH HAS BEEN PAID FOR BY AMERICAN CONSIGNEE CONTINENTAL ORE COPR., 245 PARK AVE, NEW YORK. REIS RECEIVED TELEGRAM MORNING MARCH 4 FROM DAVID J. MYARA OF CONTINENTAL ASKING RENNIES TO "TAKE WHATEVER STEPS ARE NECESSARY TO SAFE-GUARD FERRO-CHROME SHIPMENT WHICH HAS BEEN PAID FOR AND THEREFORE IS AMERICAN PROPERTY."

6. WHILE THIS TELEGRAM WAS BEING DRAFTED,) REIS CALLED TWICE, THE FIRST TIME TO SAY THAT BEIRA PORT DIRECTOR HAD TOLD RENNIES AGENTS IN BEIRA THAT "SOMEONE MUST PROVIDE ACCEPTABLE PROOF OF AMERICAN OWNERSHIP OF CHROME." FROM WHAT EMBASSY HAD DETERMINED IN EARLIER CONVERSATION MARCH 4 WITH ANOTHER SHIPPING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGENT, THIS POSITION WAS THE SAME AS THAT TAKEN BY MAPUTO PORT CAPTAIN.

7. WITH SECOND CALL, REIS PASSED ON FOLLOWING SPECIFIC INFORMATION WHICH WAS GIVEN HIM BY BEIRA PORT CAPTAIN; THE FOLLOWING PROOF IS NEEDED: A) PROOF OF PAYMENT; B) CERTIFICATE FROM PURCHASERS STATING EXACTLY WHAT WAS PURCHASED, FROM WHO IN RHODESIA IT WAS PURCHASED, INCLUDING ALL PERTINENT DETAILS, SUCH AS TYPE

OF ORE, GRADE OF ORE, TONNAGES OF EACH TYPE, ETC. C) ALL THESE DOCUMENTS MUST PASS THROUGH CHAIN OF AUTHENTICATION, INCLUDING AUTHENTICATION BY EMBASSY MAPUTO; D) WHEN THESE DOCUMENTS HAVE BEEN PROPERLY AUTHENTICATED, THEY ARE TO BE GIVEN TO THE AGENT, WHO IN TURN IS TO HAVE THEM LOCALLY AUTHENTICATED, AND WHO MUST WRITE HIS OWN LETTER OF CERTIFICATION; E) WHEN THIS IS DONE, ALL PAPERS ARE TO BE TURNED OVER TO CFM, WHO "WILL THEN CONSIDER THE MATTER."

8. REIS ALSO INFORMED EMBOFFS THAT RENNIES HAS FOLLOWING STOCK-PILES: IN BEIRA ABOUT 9000 TONS OF ALL-CHROME ORE; IN MAPUTO, ABOUT 12,000 TONS FERRO-CHROME ALLOYS AND 25,000 TONS CHROME ORE. ALL AMOUNTS ARE LIKELY TO HAVE BEEN PAID FOR, SINCE RHODESIA REPORTEDLY DOES NOT SHIP ANY COMMODITY UNLESS PAID FOR. ULTIMATE DESTINATION OF CHROME IS NOT KNOWN, BUT EMBASSY PRESUMES LARGE PORTION IS DESTINED FOR US.

9. SINCE PROCEDURE OBVIOUS WILL TAKE TIME, REIS SAID HE WILL CONTACT L.S. BUCH TODAY TO SEE IF SHIP SHOULD LEAVE BEIRA OR WAIT.

10 ACTION REQUESTED DEPT SHOULD INSURE THAT DOCUMENTS ARE FORTHCOMING AND PROPERLY AUTHENTICATED, AND THAT ANY ADVICE USG MAY HAVE FOR REIS BE PASSED TO EMBASSY FOR TRANSMISSION TO HIM.

11. COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION: DEPT SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT CLAIMS

BY US COMPANIES TO PREVIOUSLY AND LEGITIMATELY (BECAUSE OF BYRD AMENDMENT) PURCHASED RHODESIAN CHROME- ORE COULD PRODUCE SOME NEGATIVE PUBLICITY HERE AND ELSEWHERE. IN EVENT THIS ISSUE DOES SURFACE PUBLICLY, DEPT SHOULD BE PREPARED TO REAFFIRM US SUPPORT FOR MAJORITY RULE IN SOUTHER RHODESIA AND OUR ADHERENCE TO SANCTIONS, EXCEPT IN AREA OF "STRATEGIC MINERALS.". LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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